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I. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims

1-23 (cancelled).

24 (currently amended). A modular hookah comprising:

a base, dimensioned to contain a substantial amount of fluid, with [a] an internally threaded upper end for receiving dry smoke; and

~~a stem, having~~ having: a threaded lower end configured to mate with said threaded upper end of said base, terminating in a selectively releasable peripheral down tube dimensioned to substantially penetrate said base, said stem defining a dry smoke aperture oriented to conduct dry smoke into said base and a wet smoke aperture oriented to accept wet smoke from said base.

an intermediate tube, having an upper end and a lower end, defining a dry smoke aperture;

a plenum further defining said dry smoke aperture and defining a wet smoke aperture, said plenum having an upper end adapted to removably fasten to said lower end of said intermediate tube and an externally threaded lower end configured to mate with said threaded upper end of said base;

wherein said stem terminates in a selectively releasable peripheral down tube, defining said dry smoke aperture, dimensioned to substantially penetrate said base and dimensioned to removably fasten to said plenum.

25 – 27 (cancelled).

28 (currently amended). The modular hookah of claim ~~27~~ 24 further comprising an intermediate tube upper cap in releasable attachment to both said intermediate tube and ~~said a~~ burner.

29 (original). The modular hookah of claim 28 further comprising an intermediate tube lower cap in releasable attachment to both said intermediate tube and said plenum.

30 (original). The modular hookah of claim 29 further comprising an intermediate tube cover dimensioned to house said intermediate tube.

31 (currently amended). The modular hookah of claim ~~27~~ 24 wherein said intermediate tube is adapted to threadably fasten to said plenum and said plenum is adapted to threadably fasten with both said down tube and said base.

32 (original). The modular hookah of claim 31 further comprising a burner adapted to removably fasten to said intermediate tube.

33 (original). The modular hookah of claim 32 wherein said burner is adapted to threadably fasten to said intermediate tube.

34 (original). The modular hookah of claim 24 wherein said stem further defines a pressure release aperture selectively obstructed by a pressure release valve.

35 (original). The modular hookah of claim 34 wherein said pressure release valve includes a threaded connection for releasably affixing to said stem.

36 (original). A modular hookah comprising:
a threaded burner for accepting dry smoke,

a threaded intermediate tube, releasably attached in gaseous communication with said threaded burner;

a threaded plenum, releasably attached in gaseous communication with said threaded intermediate tube, defining a wet smoke aperture for releasing wetted smoke to a user and further having a down tube for releasing dry smoke; and

a threaded base, releasably attached in gaseous communication with said plenum, dimensioned to contain a substantial amount of fluid for receiving and wetting dry smoke.

37 (original). The modular hookah of claim 36 wherein said down tube is a threaded down tube, in gaseous communication with said plenum, releasably attached to said threaded plenum.

38 (original). The modular hookah of claim 37 wherein said plenum further defines a pressure release aperture, in gaseous communication with said base, selectively obstructed by a pressure release valve.

39 (original). The modular hookah of claim 34 wherein said pressure release valve is a threaded pressure release valve having a threaded connection for releasable attachment to said plenum.

40 (previously presented). A modular hookah comprising:

a base with a threaded connection for receiving dry smoke and dimensioned to contain a substantial amount of fluid;

an intermediate tube with a threaded connection;

a threaded plenum, releasably attached in gaseous communication with said intermediate tube, having a down tube for releasing dry smoke into said base;

and

wet smoke conducting means, disposed within said plenum and in gaseous communication with said base, for accepting and conducting wet smoke from said base.

41 (cancelled).

42 (cancelled).

43 (previously presented). The modular hookah of claim 40 wherein said dry smoke means further comprises a separable down tube with a threaded connection adapted to releasable attach said separable down tube to said threaded plenum.

44 (original). The modular hookah of claim 40 further comprising pressure stabilizing means in gaseous communication with said base.

45 (original). The modular hookah of claim 40 further comprising cover means adapted to house a substantial portion of said dry smoke conducting means.

46 (cancelled).